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### **Donor Name and Preliminary Concepts for New Burgess Gymnasium Released**

Menlo Park, CA -- Menlo Park City Manager Glen Rojas announced today that the previously unnamed private donor for the Burgess Gymnasium project is John Arrillaga, real estate developer and business person. Preliminary concepts for the new Burgess Gymnasium have been released by the City and are available for community members to see.

“We’re very pleased that Mr. Arrillaga has made this announcement and we are looking forward to the community’s response to these preliminary designs,” said Menlo Park Mayor, Andy Cohen.

According to Rojas, “Mr. Arrillaga has been involved in the design and construction of several other athletic facilities at Stanford University and his expertise, in addition to the funding donation he is making, will help make this a landmark addition to the Menlo Park community.”

Arrillaga has told City staff his decision to support the gym project is based on his desire to give back to the community. He has been active in Menlo Park’s basketball programs at the Burgess Gymnasium for over thirty years, first as a participant and later as a coach and mentor to his children and other youth in the community.

According to Rojas, the building concept includes green features. “We’re very excited about starting to plan not only for the increased programming opportunities this facility will provide, but for use of sustainable building practices such as the inclusion of solar panels for water heating and other uses that will reduce maintenance and operations costs over the long term,” said Rojas.

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The new gymnasium will be built in Burgess Park, adjacent to the existing Recreation Center. More information as well as visual representations of the preliminary concepts are available on the Menlo Park web page at [www.menlopark.org](http://www.menlopark.org). Click on Project Pages and then on Measure T.

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